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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment & Response to be filed in the above-identified application in response to the Office Action dated 26 August 2003.

EXTENSION OF TIME PETITION

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for response from the date of the Examiner's action as needed, the fee being as follows:

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| () | one month extension..... | \$ 110 |
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| (x) | three months extension..... | \$ 950 |
| () | four months extension (not beyond statutory time period)..... | \$1480 |
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Please charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2570. Also, should the Patent and Trademark Office determine that the fee calculated in the above extension petition is not deemed sufficient to have this response considered as being timely filed, this constitutes a petition for extension

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of time for the minimum period to effect timely filing, and the Commissioner is authorized to debit any necessary fee to said deposit account.

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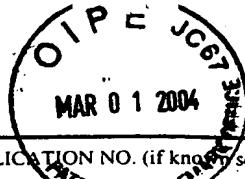
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| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER GM50049 |
| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED / ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US00/12103 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 04 May 2000 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 10 May 1999 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION Methods for Producing Modified Nucleic Acid Molecules | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Alison F. CHALKER, David J. HOLMES, Robert Dwayne LUNSFORD, and James Yigong GE | | |

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. have not been made and will not be made.
8. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S. C. 371(c)(3)).
9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included

11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98; and Form PTO-1449.
12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. A FIRST preliminary amendment.
14. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
15. Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This is a 371 of International Application PCT/US00/12103, filed 04 May 2000, which claims benefit from the following Provisional Application: 60/133,391, filed 10 May 1999.
16. A substitute specification.
17. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
18. An Abstract on a separate sheet of paper.
19. Other items or information: Sequence Listing in Computer-Readable Format; Paper Copy of Sequence Listing; Statement to Support



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| US APPLICATION NO. (if known see 37 CFR 1.50) | | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. | | ATTORNEYS DOCKET NO. |
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| 20. [X] The following fees are submitted: | | | | |
| Basic National Fee (37 C.F.R. 1.492(a)(1)-(5)): | | | | |
| Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO \$890.00 | | | | |
| International Preliminary Examination Fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.492) \$710.00 | | | | |
| No International Preliminary Examination Fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.492) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) \$740.00 | | | | |
| Neither International Preliminary Examination Fee (37 CFR 1.492) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO \$1,040.00 | | | | |
| International Preliminary Examination Fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.492) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4) \$100.00 | | | | |
| ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT = \$100.00 | | | | |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). \$0.00 | | | | |
| Claims | Number Filed | Number Extra | Rate | |
| Total claims | 32 - 20 = | 12 | 12 x \$18.00 | \$216.00 |
| Independent claims | 4 - 3 = | 1 | 1 x \$84.00 | \$84.00 |
| Multiple dependent claims (if applicable) | | | + \$280.00 | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$400.00 | | | | |
| Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). \$ | | | | |
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- a. A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 19-2570 in the amount of \$400.00 to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2570. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- d. General Authorization to charge any and all fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17, including petitions for extension of time relating to this application (37 CFR 1.136 (a)(3)).

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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